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The sudden death of CHARLES PELHAM CURTIS removes from the Board of Directors one to whom the Channing Home owes most in its development during the past forty-five years. He was one of three to incorporate the Home in 1861, and from that time until his death, devoted himself unselfishly to its interests. He gave unsparingly of his time, sagaciously invested its capital, generously contributed toward its support, and was deeply interested in furthering the removal to a more favorable location. His death is an irreparable loss to the Home, and it is the purpose of the Board of Directors to perpetuate his memory by a ward to be called the Charles Pelham Curtis Memorial Ward.

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THE DIRECTORS of the CHANNING HOME submit the following Report for the year ending March 31, 1906.

The Home was first opened in Channing Street in May, 1857, by MISS HARRIET RYAN (afterward MRS. JOHN ALBEE), and in March, 1858, was removed to No. 13 South Street. From this site it was again removed, on May 1, 1870, to the present building at No. 30 McLean Street; and the institution will soon complete a half-century of existence. During this period it has given a comfortable home to more than eleven hundred patients, of whom nearly four-fifths have been victims of consumption. By the removal of this number of patients from their unfavorable surroundings, the Home has played an important part in checking the spread of the disease in the neighborhood. At the present time the tuberculosis problem is a serious subject in this community, as elsewhere; and probably there are now four thousand cases of the disease in an active form in Boston alone. The present facilities for the treatment of such patients in the advanced stages of disease are entirely inadequate; and many cases are turned away

from the Home for lack of room.. We now have only sixteen beds, and an enlargement of the building is much desired.

During the last decade the common conception of tuberculosis as a hopeless disease has been greatly modified; and now it is generally regarded as largely preventable and frequently curable. An abundance of fresh air and plenty of sunlight are considered a necessity in the treatment. In the present location of the Home, in a brick block situated in a crowded section of the city, far removed from easily accessible open spaces, no opportunity is given to the patients to lead an outdoor life. The increased height of the buildings in the neighborhood has lessened perceptibly the air and light that reach the rooms of the patients. An extension recently made to an apartment house, next door to the Home, has added to the other objections here recounted; and a change of locality is absolutely demanded.

A site for a new Channing Home, on many accounts very favorable, has been bought in Longwood, at the corner of Bellevue and Francis Streets. The lot, containing 11,800 square feet, is high and overlooks the Park System on the southwest. Plans have been drawn for a new building to accommodate twenty-two patients. A wooden house now on the lot can be moved to the rear, and will serve for the matron and her assistants. Two wards, one above the other, with large central fireplaces and wide spacious balconies can be built at the opposite end of the lot; and between these two buildings can be placed the dining-room, isolating rooms, etc., leading from a connecting corridor. In such a structure, with sanitary surroundings, and with an abundance of sunlight and fresh air, much good can be accomplished.

In order to carry out these plans, and to keep an adequate fund for maintenance, it is necessary to raise \$30,000 for the construction of the building and for grading the grounds; and the friends of the Channing Home are confident that this sum can be obtained.

By an oversight a bequest of \$5,000 made by Mrs. Lucy R. Read, and received on March 4, 1903, was not acknowledged at the proper time in the printed Report. It is due to the memory of Mrs. Read that the legacy should be mentioned here, as she always took an active interest in the welfare of the Home.

At the end of last year (March 31, 1905), there were sixteen patients in the Home. Since that time seventeen have been admitted, five have died, two have been discharged not relieved, and ten discharged relieved. The number now remaining is sixteen, of whom twelve are suffering from consumption, one from chronic influenza, two from arthritis, and one unclassified.

The following tabular statement gives the diseases and the results of all cases treated in the Home since its establishment forty-nine years ago, though it does not include the present patients.

DISEASE.	Well.	Not Treated.	Eloped.	Not Relieved.	Relieved.	Much Relieved.	Died.	Total.
Abscess.....	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	4
Anæmia.....	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	11
Aneurism.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2
Asthma.....	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3
Bright's Disease.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	5
Bronchitis... ..	5	2	..	1	6	4	4	22
Cancer.....	..	1	..	2	..	1	5	9
Childbirth.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Consumption.....	2	7	9	134	126	57	500	835
Debility.....	10	2	..	..	18	4	5	39
Diarrhœa.....	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	6
Disease of Bladder.....	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	3
„ Bones.....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
„ Brain.....	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	3
„ Eye.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
„ Heart.....	..	..	..	..	..	8	14	22
„ Joints.....	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	5
„ Liver.....	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	4
„ Skin.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
„ Spine.....	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3
„ Uterus.....	1	1	2	..	4	2	..	10
Dysentery.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Dyspepsia.....	3	1	..	..	3	..	..	7
Epilepsy.....	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
Erysipelas.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fatty Tumor.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hernia.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Hysteria.....	2	..	..	2	4	1	..	9
Injury of Face.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lead Poisoning.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nasal Catarrh.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Neuralgia.....	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3
Ovarian Tumor.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Paralysis.....	1	..	..	1	..	1	3	6
Pleurisy.....	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3
Pneumonia.....	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	10
Rheumatism.....	9	1	..	1	2	2	4	19
Scarlet Fever.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Scrofula.....	2	..	..	..	2	1	2	7
Syphilis.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Ulcers.....	5	..	..	..	3	1	..	9
Unclassified.....	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	5
Genereal Disease.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total.....	73	21	11	145	190	93	554	1087

Patients in the Home March 31, 1906..... 16

Whole number of patients received since May 1, 1857.....1103

The Directors wish to express their obligations to Mrs. James B. Ayer, Miss Mary Ayer, Mrs. James M. Barnard, Mrs. S. Parkman Blake, Mrs. John Brickley, Miss Harriet Buttrick, Miss Emma F. Cary, Mrs. C. C. Chadwick, Mrs. Charles P. Curtis, Mrs. Julian de Cordova, Miss Ethel Gibson, Mrs. Henry S. Grew, Miss Marie V. Iasigi, Mrs. M. Clara Kirby, Miss A. P. Loring, Mrs. A. Lawrence Lowell, Mrs. George G. Lowell, Miss Georgina Lowell, Mrs. E. Roscoe Mathews, Mrs. Charles S. Rackeman, Miss Sarah E. Read, Miss Katherine Rogers, Miss Alice Schofield, Mr. Francis Skinner, Mrs. Theresa Stewart, Mrs. Frederick M. Stone, the Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, and Miss Theresa W. White, who have sent fruits, flowers, and other delicacies, etc., to the Home.

The Directors desire to return their thanks to the BOSTON SEWING CIRCLE for clothing received on different occasions, and to the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION for carriage and car rides during the warm season; also to the Boston Flower Mission and the Faith and Hope Association, for many special favors and other acts of kindness, and to Dr. John Dixwell for furnishing music and flowers on different occasions.

The friends of the Home are invited to visit the institution, and see for themselves the plan on which it is conducted. Any gifts may be sent to the Treasurer, JAMES P. PARMENTER, Suffolk Court House, or to the Home, No. 30 McLean Street.

The Directors desire also to acknowledge the ready and kind services rendered at all times by the physicians, as well as by the matron.

SAMUEL A. GREEN, *President.*

BOSTON, April 11, 1906.

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.**From March 31, 1905, to March 31, 1906.*

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Balance from last Account	\$3,669.46
Interest on Mortgages	625.00
Interest on Bonds	1,870.00
Dividends on Stock	2,205.00
E. V. Ashton Estate Trust	1,500.00
R. B. Brigham Estate, Annuity	1,000.00
Rent of Duluth Land	733.15
Gifts and Subscriptions	40.00
Interest on Deposit in Mercantile Trust Co.	199.68
	\$11,842.29

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Ordinary expenses of Home	\$6,000.00
Repairs and Alterations of Home	2,734.39
Commissions to Duluth Agent	36.63
Sundries	27.57
Total expenses	\$8,798.59
Balance to next Account	3,043.70
	\$11,842.29

JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.*

MAY 4, 1906.

Examined and approved, { SAMUEL A. GREEN, } *Auditors.*
 { CHARLES P. CURTIS. }



